

Congresswoman Louise M. Slaughter (D-NY-28) said that money from the federal stimulus package will benefit the residents of Buffalo's East Side in the training of new green jobs is money well spent.

The Green Entrepreneurship Center has received \$230,000 in stimulus money for job creation, training and certification in green jobs. The Center aims to create transitional and permanent jobs in areas such as solar panel installation, weatherization, and cooking oil recycling.

"This is certainly money well spent and I'm so pleased that federal stimulus dollars are going towards the development of green jobs right here in Buffalo. The Community Services Block Grant program will foster more than just job creation in the industries of tomorrow, but will also clean up our environment and support vital anti-poverty programs giving the residents of Buffalo the tools they need to succeed."

So far, \$3 million in grants has been awarded to the Community Action Organization for programs throughout Erie County. Funding came through the Community Services Block Grant Program administered by New York State. Many of their initiatives support anti-poverty programs throughout Erie County.

Funds for the Green Entrepreneurship Center came from the federal stimulus legislation, which was approved by Congress on February 13 and which Slaughter supported and helped enact into law. To date, projects across Erie County are set to receive at least \$34 million dollars in federal stimulus money going towards projects that extend credit to small businesses, increase access to education and support the arts in a time of decreasing private contributions.

Slaughter represents the East Side of the City of Buffalo.